

REMARKS

Claims remaining in the present application are 1-14 and 19-33. Claims 15-18 are canceled herein. No new matter is added. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above captioned patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

As all claims remaining in the present application are allowed, Applicants respectfully assert that the present application is in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicit allowance of the present application.

Allowable Matter

The Official Action indicates that Claims 1-14 and 19-33 are allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating allowed material.

35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 15-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being unpatentable over Pullen et al. (US 20050240844, "Pullen"). Applicants

respectfully assert that the cancellation of Claims 15-18 renders this rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

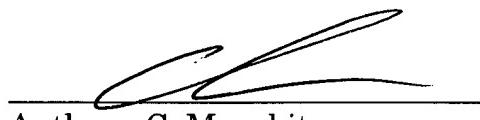
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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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